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CHAIRMAN’S WINDLINE

NorCal Election of Officers

Another year has gone by and it is again time for the Nominating Committee, appointed by the Chairman, to find qualified candidates to replace board members whose terms have expired. The Nominating Committee consists of three or more Active members (‘active’ means individuals who have current memberships with NorCal and ATOS) who are not current members of the board.

Our Board of Directors consists of nine members, three of whom are elected each year for a term of three years. A director may be re-elected one time without a gap of at least one term.

In accordance with our By-Laws the nominating committee will propose a slate of candidates for election to the Board, after assuring that those nominated are willing to serve in that capacity. In addition, any Active NorCal member may nominate other Active NorCal members. Such nominations must be submitted to the nominating committee in writing and must include the nominee’s consent to serve, if elected. Also, the nomination document must include the signatures of at least two active members besides that of the nominee. The nomination must be submitted to the Nominating Committee no later than November 10th.

The Nominating Committee this year consists of the following members:

Bill Schlotter, 510-482-3183
Chuck Hagstrom, 707-644-5749
Tom Madsen, 510-229-9855

Nominations close on November 15th. The names of all qualified nominees are passed to the Secretary by December 1st. If there are more nominees than vacancies, the Secretary prepares and sends out ballots before December 15th. Ballots when needed, are counted at the Annual Membership Meeting.

I hope to see you all at the Mark Herman Concert, an event not to be missed.

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DONATIONS

Mr. John W. Elliott
Pete McCluer
-- Thank you --

NorCal Board of Directors Minutes

Every NorCal member is entitled to request copies of the Minutes of meetings of the NorCal Board of Directors, which meets 6 times a year. Send requests to the Secretary, his email address and telephone number are on Page One.

***NOTICE***

No one should come in the Stage Door except the Stage Crew or others with immediate business there.

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George Wright Memorial Concert

Jonas Nordwall will be the artist at this 13th Annual Memorial Concert. Always a popular Sierra Chapter event, this will be extra special with Jonas on the bench.

The date is Sunday, November 14th at 2 PM in the Grant Union High School, 1400 Grand Avenue, Sacramento. $10 General Admission.

www.sierrachapteratos.org

Oroville State Theatre

photo courtesy of Oroville State Theatre Website

David Dewey and a committee is trying hard to raise funds to restore the Oroville State Theatre and plan to have silent films there on a regular basis. Currently the façade restoration project is well underway.

Their first Silent Film will star Lon Chaney in The Phantom of the Opera with Dave Moreno at the organ and Linda Small singing the opera parts.

Saturday October 30th, 7:30 PM
Ticket price is $10

They hope to have another silent on November 12th. For more details: David Dewey, 530-589-3676. Theatre box office: 530-538-2470, theatre website:

www.OrovilleStateTheatre.org

OPEN CONSOLE

Hosted by Chris Nichols

This is an opportunity for NorCal members to try their hand at playing the chapter’s Wurlitzer at the Berkeley Community Theatre. When the theatre is available, these sessions run from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. The next scheduled dates are:

Sunday, November 28
(If there is a December Open Console it will be listed on our website. norcalatos.org)

Open Consoles are informal and our genial host, Chris Nichols, ensures that every NorCal member feels comfortable. Chris lends help and support to anyone who needs it. Depending on how many members are present, each has one or more 15-minute sessions at the console, in rotation.

Important:
Call the NorCal voice mail at (510) 644-2707 on that Sunday morning to confirm that the theatre is available. If there will be Open Console, enter via the backstage door at 1930 Allston Way.
Picnic at the Atwood’s
Sunday September 26, 2010

It was a very scenic drive to Clear Lake via the Napa Valley and the shoulder of Mount Saint Helena. Napa Valley was well into the 90’s but Clear Lake was a more comfortable 80 degrees. Especially pleasant was sitting in the shade on the balcony looking out over the lake and listening to the organ through the screen doors. Indoors the further development of “Gigi” (Bert’s Allen GW-4 four-manual Theatre Organ) was most apparent. The voicing and leveling of each of the ranks resulted in a very realistic and satisfying sound, whether playing one or a few ranks, or large ensembles. Having the volume controlled by actual swell shades added the icing to the cake. When the shades are closed or just a few are open, the bass predominates. As the shades are opened, more and more of the treble comes through, ‘uncaging the beast within’.

We all had lots of time to play the instrument. We also heard computer playbacks of tracks laid down by Walt Strony and Tom Hazleton. Thank you, Bert and Ann for such a wonderful afternoon!

—Art Woodworth

MEMBERSHIP BADGES

Have you admired the blue membership badges that many NorCal members wear to concerts? They are available for $13 shipped to the member’s address. The badges are now totally engraved (no silk screening to rub off). Send your check and exactly how your name is to appear on the badge to:

Bill Schlottner
6203 Elderberry Dr.
Oakland, CA 94611-1621

NORCAL WEBSITE

We now have copies of the current and recent past Windsheets on our website—and in color! They are in .pdf format, which requires that your computer has a copy of the free Adobe Acrobat Reader. We also have an up-to-date Calendar Events online. Be sure to visit it!

norcaltos.org

Jonas Nordwall’s
A Unit Orchestra Christmas

Just released, Jonas recorded this CD on NorCal’s 4/42 Wurlitzer in the Berkeley Community Theater. These CDs are $20 each and include postage for delivery in the USA, Canada, and Mexico. For delivery elsewhere please add $1.25. All prices are in US Dollars.

Checks in US funds payable to NorCal TOS will be accepted. Visa, Master Card, and American Express are also accepted.

Mail orders to:
NorCal Theatre Organ Society
P.O. Box 625
Berkeley, CA 94701-0625

If paying by credit card, please include the following: Name as on the card, Card Type (VISA/MasterCard/American Express), the Card Number (13 or 16 digits), Expiration Date, and ZIP code of Card Holder. Please include your phone number in case we have questions.

Jonas Nordwall’s newest CD, A Unit Orchestra Christmas, is a delight with the many Christmas songs played in Jonas’ wonderful style on our BCT 4/42 Wurlitzer. They would make great Christmas Gifts (and include one for yourself). (See entry above.)

One of our members, Bob Wilcox suggested that we promulgate ATOS Radio. I haven’t had time to really listen but would like to get the thoughts of NorCal Members on this. Give it a try at: atos.org/radio

Finally, on our way home from the NorCal picnic Frank and I discovered a wonderful B&B just a few miles south of Clear Lake. Unusual for a B&B, this was built about 10-years ago as a B&B, so no creaking floors or tiny rooms, and it is very well run. The location is on a small lake and extremely peaceful – perfect for a very quiet getaway. The name is Spirit Lake B&B and the website is: spiritlakebnb.com. The only downside we found was that there are few nearby restaurants.

—Jan
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Mr. Neal R. Wood at (415) 861-7082 <nealwood@pacbell.net>, PO Box 625, Berkeley, CA 94701-0625.

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